

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am • August 17, 2025

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Hebrews 11:23-25*

One: By faith Moses was hidden by his parents
for three months after his birth,

People: Because they ... were not afraid of the king's edict.

One: By faith Moses, when he was grown up,
refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter,

*People: Choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people
of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

One: He considered abuse suffered ... to be greater
wealth than the treasures of Egypt ...

People: By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger ...

**ALL: Persevered as though he saw [the One]
who is invisible.**

***SONG #26** *Praise to the Lord* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

***SONG #95** *Be Still, My Soul* *Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 2: 11-25*

REFLECTION *SURELY THE THING
IS KNOWN* *Rev Gail Doktor*

***SONG #102** *Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah* *Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

***SONG #44** *Doxology* *Sharon Novak*

PRAYER of DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

***BENEDICTION**

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

PRAYERS *for* PEOPLE:

Focus this week: Alexis, Ann C., Bob G., Bunny C, Cindi, David, Dave & Beth, Deb L., Haisley, Huntley, Irene, Jenn, Jess, Judy, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Linda, Nancy, Rob, Ruth, Steve, Tom, Tyler, Val. For those who grieve.

Continuing: Alice, Annie, Arden, Barbara, Bilo, Bob, Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Corey, Dean, David, Dawson S., Deb W., Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Kevin, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Karen, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen, Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sally, Sam, Sarah, Sascha, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Tony, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew.

PRAYERS *for* PLACES: For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For places hurt by natural disaster & human-caused conflict.

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SCRIPTURE: *EXODUS 2:11-25*

¹¹ One day after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. ¹² He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

¹³ When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting, and he said to the one who was in the wrong, *“Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?”*

¹⁴ He answered, *“Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?”*

Then Moses was afraid and thought, *“Surely the thing is known.”*¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses.

So Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian and sat down by a well.

¹⁶ The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. ¹⁷ But some shepherds came and drove them away. Moses got up and came to their defense and watered their flock.

¹⁸ When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, *“How is it that you have come back so soon today?”*¹⁹ They said, *“An Egyptian helped us against the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock.”*²⁰ He said to his daughters, *“Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Invite him to share a meal.”*

²¹ Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah in marriage. ²² She bore a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, *“I have been an alien residing in a foreign land.”*

²³ After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. ²⁴ God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.